# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the present literacy rate of urban, semi-urban and rural areas of the country;

(b) whether there is wide gap between urban and rural literacy rate in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the various literacy programmes launched to reduce the urban and rural divide has not yielded results; and

(e) if so, the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): As per the Census 2011, the literacy rate in 7+ age group in the urban areas is 84.98% and 68.91% in the rural areas, showing a gap of 16.07% between urban and rural literacy rates in the country.

(d) & (e): Because of the various literacy and educational programmes of the Government, the gap in literacy rate between rural and urban areas in the country decreased from 21.18% in 2001 to 16.07% in 2011. To reduce this gap further the Government have launched Saakshar Bharat, a new variant of the National Literacy Mission, exclusively for rural areas of the districts that have adult female literacy of 50% or below.